



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
**UNITED STATES ARMY INTELLIGENCE CENTER AND FORT HUACHUCA**  
**FORT HUACHUCA, ARIZONA 85613-6000**

REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

ATZS -MI (611-a)

1 October 2004

**MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD**

**SUBJECT: Language Proficiency Requirements Waiver for Promotion**

**1. References:**

- a. AR 611-6, Army Linguist Program, 16 February 1996
- b. DA PAM 611-21, Military Occupational Classification and Structure, 31 March 1999
- c. NOFC E-0304-23

2. This waiver applies to all 97E10 Soldiers regardless of location or position. 97E10 Soldiers may be promoted to Sergeant regardless of their language proficiency. Soldiers are still required to meet all other MOS qualification requirements and promotion requirements. This waiver does not alleviate a Soldier's or commander's responsibilities for requisite language training and testing in accordance with AR 611-6 based on location and resources available. This waiver is only effective for Active Component Soldiers. Reserve Component and National Guard Soldiers maintain the language requirement upon entry into the US Army. This waiver will apply to the Reserve Component and National Guard 97E Soldiers upon activation for deployment.

3 Due to approved changes in MOS qualifications for 97E Soldiers beginning 1 October 2004, 97E10 Soldiers will no longer receive language training upon entry into the US Army. As such, it is unreasonable to expect Soldiers to attend language training before being eligible for promotion. Additionally, Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) makes it difficult for many Soldiers to successfully complete language training.

4. This memorandum does not rescind the language proficiency ratings required to receive Foreign Language Proficiency Pay (FLPP) in accordance with AR 611-6. Local commanders may recertify 97E Soldiers currently deployed to a foreign country where testing facilities are not available. Commanders must submit a DA Form 4187 stating, "The commander certifies that the recipient can perform his/her linguistic duties in a satisfactory manner and is proficient at a level consistent with the FLPP rate for the previous year". Each recertification may only be submitted for a Soldier with at least a 2/2 on their last DLPT.

4. Unless rescinded or extended by this office, the end effective date for this waiver is 1 October 2007.

5. POC this action is SFC Bridges at DSN 821-1182 or COMM (520)533-1182.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. L. Crockett', with a stylized, looping flourish at the end.

HARVEY L. CROCKETT

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